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VERTIGO: THE SECOND WAVE

VERTIGO begins its Second Wave of innovation with the release of two new series, the all-new ongoing monthly adventures of the mysterious BLACK ORCHID by Dick Foreman, Jill Thompson, and Stan Woch, and the uncompromising erotic thriller THE EXTREMIST by Peter Milligan and Ted McKeever.

Initiates to the VERTIGO line will also want to be on the lookout for the reissued BLACK ORCHID trade paperback, a collection of the three-issue miniseries by SANDMAN scripter Neil Gaiman, with lyrical painted art by Dave McKean of ARKHAM ASYLUM and *Cages* fame. Also available this month is a beautifully painted BLACK ORCHID POSTER by Jill Thompson, and a HELLBLAZER POSTER reproducing the dramatic cover of issue #61 by popular cover artist Glenn Fabry.

To make the series accessible to new readers, each of the ongoing VERTIGO titles will include an "Our Story So Far" section, and two miniseries-in-progress, JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO and THE LAST ONE, will feature introductions.

Also shipping this month is the softcover edition of SANDMAN: A GAME OF YOU, collecting issues 32-37 of the popular series.

Ride Vertigo's Second Wave beyond established notions of what comics can be.

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HAWKMAN SOARS

HAWKMAN is back with a new costume, new weapons, new powers... all in the debut of his action-packed new title! And the excitement kicks off with a striking foil-embossed cover on issue #1! Hawkman's become a true bird of prey... a hard-edged urban hero whose extreme measures won't long escape the notice of the Justice League.

The new HAWKMAN series is packed with shocking revelations and new twists... and some of the boldest super-hero action to be found anywhere. And HAWKMAN is now fully integrated into the DC Universe, with Green Lantern Hal Jordan guest-starring in the first story arc.

HAWKMAN is a New Format ongoing monthly, written by John Ostrander, with art by Jan Duursema and Rick Magyar. HAWKMAN #1 features a foil-embossed cover.

HAWKMAN... back in action and badder than ever!

LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #50... ENTER THE JOKER!

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #50 celebrates its giant 50th issue with a special story and a spectacular foil-embossed cover!

The Batman's archenemy, THE JOKER, is the focus of a story set in the early days of the Dark Knight's career that reveals the underside of Batman's first encounter with the Clown Prince of Crime. In a tale of murder and mayhem chronicling the Joker's first quest for supremacy in Gotham's underworld, the Dark Knight is pitted against the villain who will prove, even from the first, his deadliest foe. This story also includes the origin of The Joker's lethal venom.

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #50 is a special 64-page issue written by Dennis O'Neil and illustrated by Bret Blevins with a foil-enhanced cover by Brian Bolland. This issue also features a special pinup section featuring art by Howard Chaykin, Jim Lee, Mark Schultz, Mike Zeck and others.

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #50... the Dark Knight and the Clown Prince of Crime each meet their match!

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THE GOLDEN AGE... A TALE OF ELSEWORLDS

They were the greatest heroes of their age, "An age of gold and virgin wonder. When no crook, or spy or saboteur felt safe."

Featuring a gold foil logo on the cover of each issue, THE GOLDEN AGE is a 4-issue Elseworlds miniseries set during the start of one of the darkest periods of U.S. history: the infamous "McCarthy Era." THE GOLDEN AGE takes a thought-provoking look at what might have happened to DC's first generation of super-heroes beyond their exploits during the Second World War, when paranoia has taken a chokehold on America and DC's first generation of super-heroes is driven into retirement or hiding, or madness—except for a few who are willing to change with the times.

And behind the scenes, something even more sinister is unfolding—a subtle plot that may engulf the planet and remake it in one man's image.

THE GOLDEN AGE is a 4-issue Prestige Format miniseries written by James Robinson, with interior art and cover by Paul Smith with Richard Ory. The cover of each issue is enhanced with a gold-foil logo.

FLASH #80... RACING TOWARDS TOMORROW

FLASH #80... a new direction, a new artistic team... and two editions!

The new art team of Mike Wieringo and José Marzan Jr. joins writer Mark Waid... and they all cut loose at lightspeed! Following the mystery of the "return" of Barry Allen, Wally West is determined to get in a lot more quality time with the love of his life, Linda.

Then his ex-girlfriend/ex-reluctant super-hero Frances Kane, (a.k.a. Magenta of the New Titans), shows up for the express purpose of trashing the Flash! She's still ticked at Wally for dumping her, and she's willing to hold all of Keystone City hostage in order to get what she wants: revenge!

Also this month, in celebration of the new direction for the Fastest Man Alive, is the spectacular FLASH POSTER, featuring fully-painted art by Brian Stelfreeze.

FLASH #80 is available in a Collector's Edition, featuring a dual-foil-enhanced cover illustrated by new regular cover artists Alan Davis and Mark Farmer, as well as a Newsstand Edition without the enhancement.

FLASH #80 is written by Mark Waid and features art by Mike Wieringo and José Marzan Jr.

FLASH #80... the Fastest Man Alive picks up speed!

THE MAIN MAN MAKES THE CON SCENE IN THE LOBO CONVENTION SPECIAL

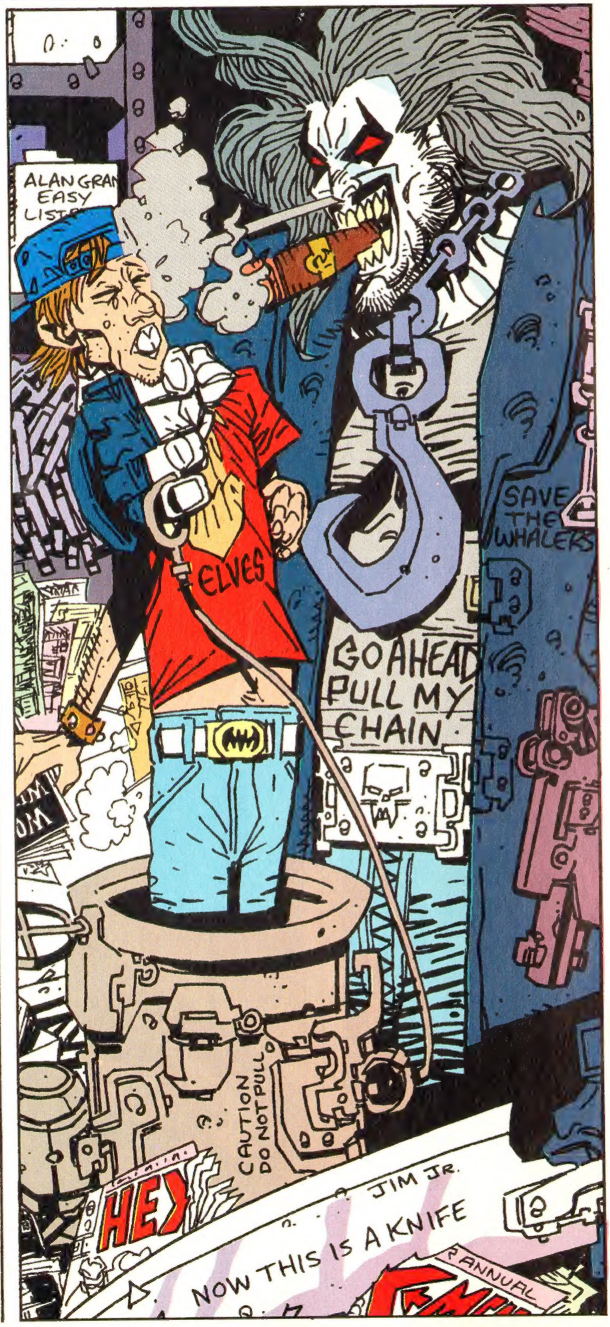
Fanboys and speculators, watch out!

The Main Man is hitting the convention circuit in search of another copy of SUPERMAN #75, the polybagged edition with the armband, because he laughed so hard reading his first copy that he tore it in half! And that's exactly what he'll do to any fanboy who tries to gouge him!

It's the LOBO CONVENTION SPECIAL, and it's the most fun you'll have all summer. Imagine the satisfaction of seeing LOBO coping with registration lines, cleaning his teeth with hologram trading cards, and using polybags as only he can.

LOBO CONVENTION SPECIAL is a New Format one-shot, written by Keith Giffen and Alan Grant, with art and cover by Kevin O'Neill.

The LOBO CONVENTION SPECIAL. Buy lots... 'cause if LOBO comes looking for a copy, you don't want to be left out!



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☐ **ACTION COMICS ANNUAL #5**
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover continues from ROBIN ANNUAL #2. Fate steps in as a man about to take his own life is attacked by the extraterrestrial parasites, and he gains new life as Loose Cannon, a bad attitude on two legs! It's up to the Man of Steel to cure Cannon's deadly mood swings and use his unbalanced ally's power to help in the battle against the deadly aliens. Continues in THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #4. Written by Jeph Loeb and pencilled by Lee Moder. Cover by Christian Alamy. 64 pages. $2.50

☐ **BATMAN #499**
Continuing the "Knightfall" crossover in BATMAN, DETECTIVE and SHOWCASE '93 leading to BATMAN #500: As Azrael begins to wage war against Gotham's underworld, Bruce Wayne starts his investigation into the abduction of Shondra Kinsolving and Jack Drake. And, stowed away on his private jet, he finds Selina Kyle — The Catwoman! This story leads into CATWOMAN #2. Continued in DETECTIVE COMICS #666. Written by Doug Moench, with art by Jim Aparo and Scott Hanna. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.25

BATMAN #499

☐ **BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #50**
In the early days of his career, Batman has what he believes to be his first encounter with a bizarre, maniacally twisted criminal genius who calls himself The Joker. This special extra-sized 50th issue of LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT explores a never-before-revealed-side of the origin and early days of the Clown Prince of Crime, including the first use of his special poison venom, in a series of murders intended to earn him unchallenged leadership in the Gotham City underworld. Also included in this special issue is a pinup section featuring art by Howard Chaykin, Michael Kaluta, Jim Lee, Mark Schultz, Mike Zeck and others. Written by Dennis O'Neil, with art by Bret Blevins. Foil-enhanced cover by Brian Bolland. *(Deluxe Format)* 64 pages. $3.50

☐ **CHAIN GANG WAR #3**
It's heavy-metal action as Zecker and Animal settle their differences... with a chainsaw! But the Chain Gang's mission may be jeopardy when Sergeant Shanahan gets a lead on their identity and Deathstroke, the Terminator is hired to take them down! Written by John Wagner, with art by Dave Johnson and John Dell. Cover by Johnson. *(New Format)* $1.75

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #50

CHAIN GANG WAR #3

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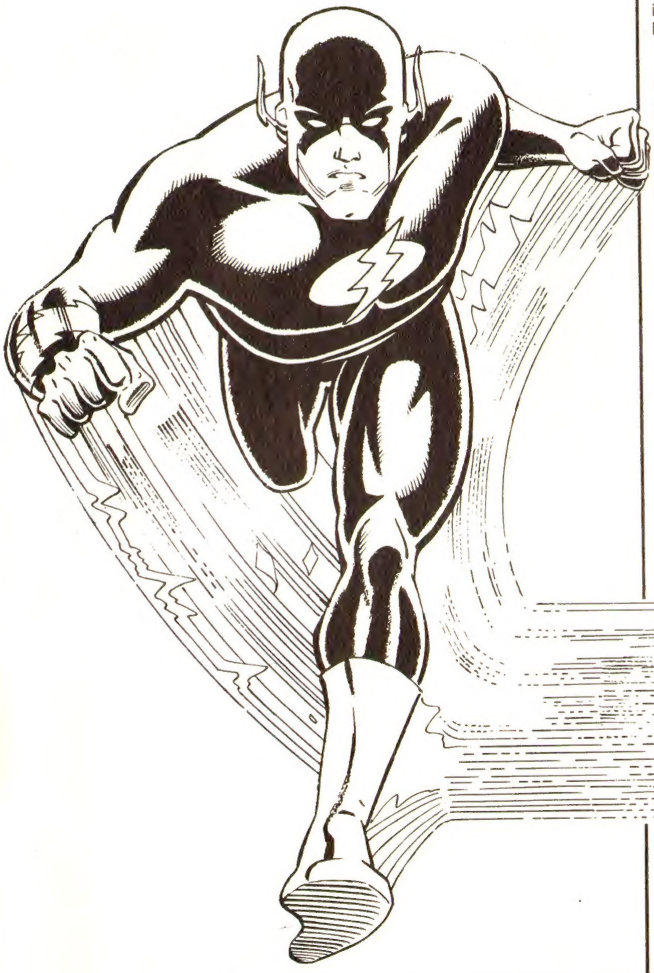
DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #28
Part 2 of the 7-part "Deathstroke's World Tour," a globe-spanning storyline. The mystery behind the kidnapping of Deathstroke's ex-wife begins to unravel as the trail leads Slade, Wintergreen and Amanda Waller from Germany to Hong Kong and introduces a suit of armor that holds the secret to a mystery of the ages. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Malcolm Davis and Will Blyberg. Cover by Mike Zeck. *(New Format)* $1.75

FLASH COLLECTOR'S EDITION #80
Beginning a new direction for FLASH, with the new artistic team of Mike Wieringo and Josè Marzan Jr., making this an excellent starting point for new readers. FLASH #80 also features a special dual foil enhanced cover by new regular cover artists Alan Davis and Mark Farmer. Wally's former girlfriend, Frances Kane — also known as the magnetic member of the New Titans, Magenta — has flipped out and is holding Keystone City hostage to punish Flash for dumping her. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Mike Wieringo and José Marzan Jr. Special dual-foil-enhanced cover by Alan Davis and Mark Farmer. $2.50

FLASH #80 NEWSSTAND EDITION
The Newsstand edition of FLASH #80 contains the same exciting story as the Collector's Edition, but without the cover enhancement. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Mike Wieringo and José Marzan, Jr. Cover by Alan Davis and Mark Farmer. $1.25

GREEN LANTERN: MOSAIC #16
Flash, Guy Gardner, Power Girl, and Martian Manhunter, led by Hal Jordan, all arrive on the Mosaic to take the captive cities back from the Guardians and John Stewart, but John has even bigger concerns as he's found his dead wife, Katma Tui... alive! Written by Gerard Jones, pencilled by Luke McDonnell and inked by Robert Campanella. Cover by McDonnell. $1.25



FLASH #80

HARDWARE #7

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Hardware is confronted by his worst nightmare... literally! Things go from bad to worse as he begins his most startling transformation. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, pencilled by Denys Cowan, and inked by Jimmy Palmiotti. Cover by Cowan. $1.50

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JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLY #12

☐ **JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLY #12**

JUSTICE LEAGUE QUARTERLY kicks off its third year with three bold new stories. In the lead feature, a new look is introduced for an original JLA foe as the new Amazo rampages through Manhattan, demanding his revenge against the JLA, but since they are out of town, it's up to the New Conglomerate to stop him. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Daniel Rodriguez and Ken Branch. Praxis continues to follow the twisted trail of a serial-killer sorcerer, but with time running out and the bodies piling up, Praxis may have to risk using his own terrifying magic to resolve this mess. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Michael Mayhew and Dan Davis. Plus, Dr. Light and Ice go "On the Road," but their desert vacation is plagued by continuous misfortune. This issue also includes pinups by Sal Velluto, Paul Lelleno and others. Written by Kim Fryer, with art by FLASH penciller Mike Wieringo and inked by Mike Christian. Cover by Rodriguez and Branch. $3.50

☐ **LEGIONNAIRES #6**

The covers of issues #2-6 form a giant panorama of the Legionnaires vs. the Fatal Five. In the powerful wrap-up of this 6-part storyline, the entire cast of the Fatal Five is assembled at last. Now the battle erupts from Capitol Plaza on New Earth and rolls through the estate of Leland McCauley IV, as the Legionnaires try to subdue their fearsome foes. In the midst of it all, the two Emerald Eyes face off in a story we could only call "An Eye for an Eye!" Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Chris Sprouse and Karl Story. $1.25

☐ **THE SPECTRE #10**

Realizing that he can no longer wait for the Reaver to come to him, The Spectre must hunt the mad serial murderer. But in order to locate him, The Spectre has to question the Reaver's most recent victim — even if that means storming the very gates of heaven itself! Written by John Ostrander, with art by Tom Mandrake. Painted cover by Michael William Kaluta. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE SPECTRE #10

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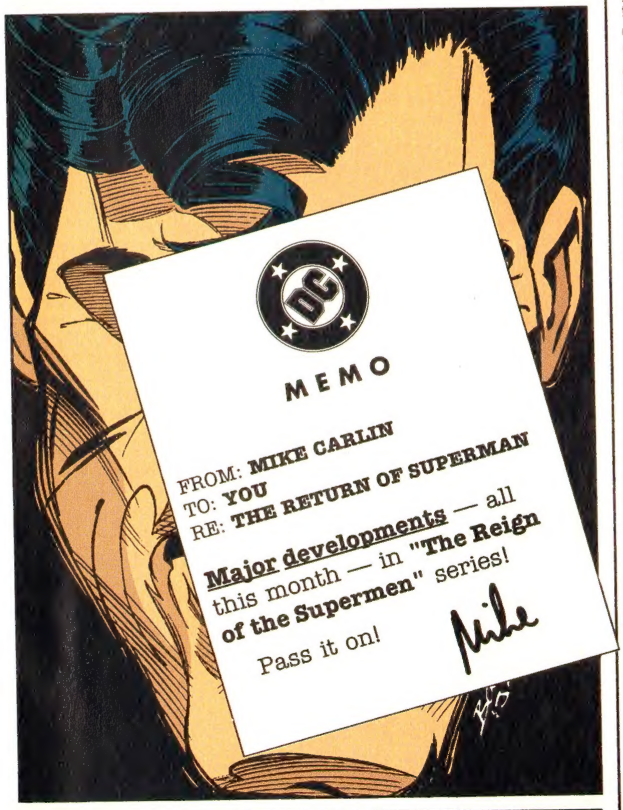
STAR TREK® #52
While making first contact with an alien race, Kirk, Spock, and McCoy learn that their "return" had been expected and that to save the planet, they must destroy an ancient monster. Meanwhile, the Klingons are making a first contact of their own, only they are unhampered by the restraints of the Prime Directive. Written by acclaimed Star Trek novelist Diane Duane, with art by Rod Whigham and Arne Starr. Cover by Whigham and Carlos Garzon. *(New Format)* $1.75

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #25
The "Reign of the Supermen" continues from ACTION COMICS #690. John Henry finds himself face to face with an adversary in a Kryptonian battle suit. Who is this mysterious being in the ancient armor of Superman's homeworld? Continues in SUPERMAN #81. Written by Louise Simonson, with art and cover by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.50

VALOR #11
Beginning an exciting new direction for VALOR that will ultimately lead to a major shake-up in the DC Universe. It's a race against time as Valor must return the injured and dying Green Lantern to Oa before Valor's out-of-control powers destroy his ship. Plus, the "Legend of Valor" is investigated in the 30th Century by the Legionnnaires, in a prologue to the next major story arc. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Jeffrey Moore and Michael Sellers. Cover by Adam Hughes and Joe Rubinstein. $1.25

WONDER WOMAN #78
Mayfly, the international super-assassin in the employ of Ares Buchanan stalks Diana and Etta Candy. Meanwhile, Diana must help Etta curb her dieting frenzy before she falls victim to anorexia, but Mayfly may make that problem inconsequential as she moves in for the kill! Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Lee Moder and Ande Parks. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.25



SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #25

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BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #16
Part 1 of the 3-part "The God of Fear": Brett Blevins begins as new regular penciller on BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT. The Scarecrow gathers a crew of helpers who help launch a massive fear attack on Gotham City. Meanwhile, Anarky escapes from juvenile detention and plots his revenge on Batman. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Brett Blevins and Mike Manley. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.75

BLACK CANARY #9
Part 1 of a 3-part story that introduces a radical new direction for BLACK CANARY. The Huntress enlists Black Canary's help in learning what's happened to several powerful women executives who have vanished or been murdered. Then Canary becomes the killer's next target! Written by Sarah Byam, with art and cover by Trevor Von Eeden and Bob Smith. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE DEMON #39
LOBO guest-stars in this final chapter of the 8-part "Eternity Quest." Now that Harry's soul has been restored, it's up to Etrigan and Lobo to put an end to Merlin's despicable plan, in the final showdown between Merlin and the Demon in Hell. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Rich Hedden and Tom McWeeney. Painted cover by Denis Rodier. *(New Format)* $1.75

GREEN LANTERN #45
Part 5 of "Trinity," continued from THE DARKSTARS #11: It starts with a knock-down, drag-out battle between the Green Lantern Corps and The Darkstars, who now include, to Hal's shock, a former member of the GL Corps! Meanwhile, Vril Dox awakens a sleeping Controller to confront the secret of the Triarch. Plus, Lobo and Boodikka meet... and the sparks fly. Dox plays his ace-in-the-hole, a wild card that will ensure the L.E.G.I.O.N. will come out on top in this three-way confrontation between the star-spanning forces. Continued in L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #58. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Gene Ha and Romeo Tanghal. $1.25

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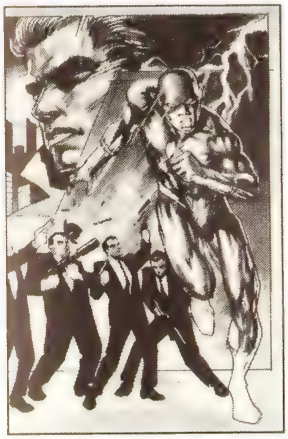
ECLIPSO #11
Amanda Waller assembles the "Shadow Fighters" to stop Eclipso once and for all. Led by Bruce Gordon and Mona, the team includes The Creeper, Peacemaker, Mark Shaw: Manhunter, Nemesis, Dr. Midnight, Wildcat, Commander Steel, and Major Victory. Armed with solar-powered weaponry and fighting vehicles devised by Dr. Bennet, Chunk, and Doc Magnus, they ready themselves for their first covert mission into Parador to rescue the daughter of a notorious drug dealer. Written by Robert Loren Fleming, with art and cover by the new creative team of Audwynn Jermaine Newman and Ray Kryssing. $1.25

FLASH POSTER
This 22" x 34" retail poster of one of DC's most popular characters masterfully captures the Flash's unique powers as, surrounded by gun-toting gangsters, the Fastest Man Alive zooms across this movie-style poster, painted by fan favorite Brian Stelfreeze, doing his first-ever retail poster. $4.95



FLASH POSTER

GREEN LANTERN QUARTERLY #6
The most fearsome members of the GL are highlighted this issue as, in the framing sequence (written by Gerard Jones, with art by Jason Pearson) Arisia meets Power Girl and Dr. Light and they discuss the women of the Green Lantern Corps in the first chapter. A powerful new player fights for the Corps as Laira, a ninja GL, sets out to free her homeworld from the grip of the Golden Dragon in "What Price Honor?" by Ruben Diaz, Travis Charest, and Ray McCarthy. The loudest GL, Boodikka, stars in a tale by Gerard Jones, Scott Kolins, and Ray Kryssing. Mike Baron, Chas Truog, and Kim DeMulder tell of a lone woman who continues to make a difference despite her power ring. And, the truth behind the new Harlequin is revealed in the Alan Scott story by Ron Marz, Jim Balent, and Andrew Pepoy. This issue also includes pinups by Adam Hughes and by Joe Phillips. Cover by Balent. 64 pages. $2.50

HAWKMAN #1

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GREEN LANTERN QUARTERLY #6

HAWKMAN #1
Beginning a new series with a new direction and a new costume for Hawkman. There's a new Hawkman on the scene... a dark, mysterious figure sporting a new costume, new powers, and a grim willingness to use them! Seven months ago, Katar Hol and Shayera Thal disappeared. If there's a connection to this new apparition of the night skies, he isn't saying, but the new Hawkman has all of Chicago speculating and Katar's meta-human friends ready to riot. But before that can happen, the Netherworlders come under savage attack by the super-powered hitman Deadline, drawing the new Hawkman into deadly combat... and an even deadlier behind-the-scenes game. Written by John Ostrander, with art by Jan Duursema and Rick Magyar. Cover by Duursema. *(New Format)* $1.75

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #80
Kevin West joins JLA as the new regular penciller. When the JLA comes to the aid of a crashed spaceship and its beleaguered occupants, they find themselves at odds with the government and a super-team led by a former member of the League itself! Written by Dan Vado, with art and cover by Kevin West and Rick Burchett. $1.25

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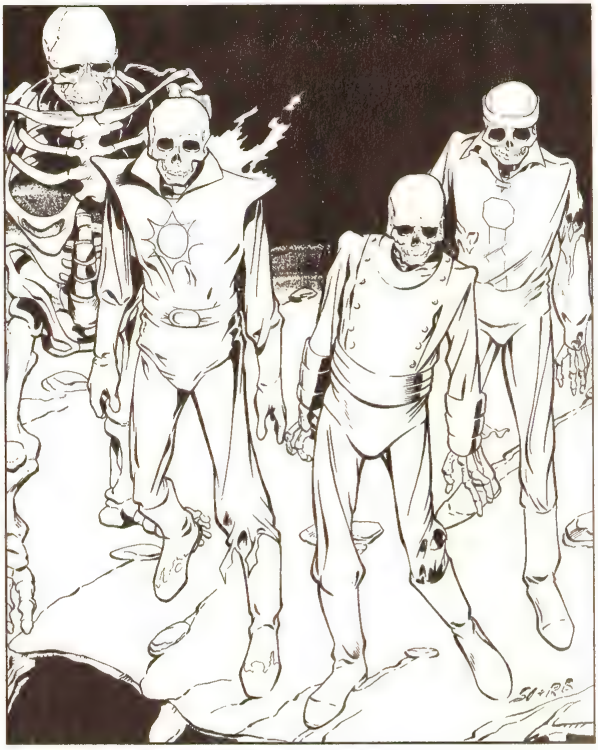
☐ **ICON #5**
The Blood Syndicate guest-stars in the first Milestone team-up as Icon goes toe to toe with Paris Island's super-powered street gang. Plus, Rocket confronts the father of ner unborn child. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art by M.D. Bright and Mike Gustovich. Cover by Bright and Art Nichols. $1.50

ICON #5

☐ **JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #54**
The members of the League are acting in a completely alien manner, leading those who know them to wonder if they're all suffering from a breakdown... or if they've been replaced by impostors! But if the latter is the case, where are the real JLI? Written by Gerard Jones and Will Jacobs, with art and cover by Ron Randall and Aaron McClellan. $1.25

☐ **THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #47**
Having defeated their dead comrades, the Legion arrives at Mordru's palace and is confronted by the resurrected Nemesis Kid, Dr. Regulus, Jungle King, Zaryan, Charma, and the Dominator ambassador to Earth. Even if they survive this new threat, will the Legion be in any shape to take on Mordru himself? The penultimate chapter of the "Mordru Rises" storyline ends with someone being buried alive... but it's not who you might think. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Stuart Immonen and Ron Boyd. *(New Format)* $1.75



THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #47

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL

☐ **THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #4**
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover continues from ACTION COMICS ANNUAL #5. In an attempt to retrieve Timber Wolf from the 20th Century, Brainiac unwittingly brings the parasite Angon and his victim — a young surfer dude named Jamm — into the 30th Century. They rid themselves of the parasite, but the greater monster has been left behind in the form of Jamm, who Angon has imbued with the power of suggestion. Now, anything Jamm wants, Jamm gets... including having Valor, Tasmia Mallor, and Lydda Krin as his personal tour guides of the 30th Century, and Legionnaires Andromeda and Apparition as part of his "band." THE BLOODLINES SAGA continues in GREEN ARROW ANNUAL #6. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Stuart Immonen, Joe Phillips, Daryll Banks, Christopher Taylor, Nick Napolitano, Terry Austin, and Ron Boyd. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50

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THE NEW TITANS #101
Bill Jaaska joins THE NEW TITANS as the new regular penciller. Following the tragedy at Nightwing and Starfire's wedding in NEW TITANS #100, the team is in shambles. What brings them back from the brink will leave the Titans forever changed as the newlyweds leave the group and Arsenal — the former Speedy — assumes control in what promises to be a new era for the New Titans! Written by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by Bill Jaaska and Al Vey. *(New Format)* $1.75

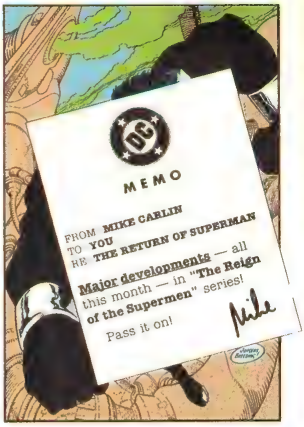
THE NEW TITANS #101

THE NEW TITANS POSTER
The NEW TITANS artistic team of Tom Grummett and Al Vey illustrate the team for the last time together with this full-color 22" x 34" retail poster of the popular super-hero team. Don't miss out on this special commemorative poster! $4.95

RAGMAN: CRY OF THE DEAD #2
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
The rags demand vengeance on a mother responsible for the murder of her own child, but even vengeance may not silence the cries of the dead. Meanwhile, Marinette, the angry goddess, continues her reign of blood in New Orleans. Written by Elaine Lee, with art by Gabriel Morrissette. Cover by Joe Kubert. *(New Format)* $1.75

SUPERMAN #81
The "Reign of the Supermen" continues from SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #25. The secret past of the cyborg Superman is revealed as Mongul's threat to the world spreads to Metropolis. Continued in ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #503. Written and pencilled by Dan Jurgens and inked by Brett Breeding. Cover by Jurgens and Breeding. $1.50

ZATANNA #3
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
The evil mystical menace of Xaos has broken through to the Earthly plane and Zatanna must brave confrontations with both the spirit of her mother and Xaos itself to save the world. Written by Lee Marrs, with art and cover by Esteban Maroto. *(New Format)* $1.95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MEMO
FROM MIKE CARLIN
TO YOU
RE THE RETURN OF SUPERMAN
Major developments — all this month — in "The Reign of the Supermen" series!
Pass it on!

SUPERMAN #81

RAGMAN: CRY OF THE DEAD #2

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☐ **ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #504**
The "Reign of the Supermen" continues from SUPERMAN #81. Superman, Superboy, and the Man of Steel storm Mongul's city despite the threatening levels of Kryptonite... levels so high that it could mean the end of Superboy! Continued in ACTION COMICS #691. Written by Karl Kesel, with art and cover by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. $1.50

☐ **BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #51**
The trail of a professional hitman with the skills of an Olympic pentathlon athlete leads Batman to New Orleans and an encounter with the supernatural soul-stealer known as Ragman. Written by Robert Loren Fleming, with art by David Klein and cover by Joe Kubert. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

☐ **BLOOD SYNDICATE #6**
Villain John Wing unleashes the terrible might of Demon Fox against the Blood Syndicate, while Nina Lam is beset by supernatural forces. Plus, Third Rail gives Wise Son a dressing-down about leadership, and an aftereffect of the Big Bang manifests itself in the water. Written by Ivan Velez Jr., with art by Chriscross and John Lowe. Cover by Chriscross. $1.50

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #504

DETECTIVE COMICS #666

☐ **DETECTIVE COMICS #666**
Continuing the "Knightfall" crossover in BATMAN, DETECTIVE, and SHOWCASE '93 leading to BATMAN #500: With Batman out of the country, Azrael springs Bane's henchmen Trogg, Zombie, and Bird from jail so they can lead him to the man himself — Bane! Concludes next month in BATMAN #500. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Graham Nolan and Scott Hanna. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.25

☐ **FLASH #81**
As the high-tech Combine mob moves to consolidate its power in Keystone and Central Cities, Flash enlists the aid of New Titans members Nightwing and Starfire to take the gang out once and for all. Unfortunately, nothing is ever that easy! Written by Mark Waid, with art by Mike Wieringo and José Marzan Jr. Cover by Alan Davis and Mark Farmer. $1.25

FLASH #81

SEPTEMBER COVER DATE

GREEN ARROW ANNUAL #6
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover continues from THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #4. A down and out Vietnam vet has a strange encounter with a beautiful woman... who happens to be one of the deadly extraterrestrial parasites. The encounter rejuvenates him and endows him with incredible super-powers; now he's The Hook, this Annual's infusion of New Blood into the DC Universe. THE BLOODLINES SAGA continues in DETECTIVE COMICS ANNUAL #6. Written by Mike Grell, with art by Michael Collins and Jed Hotchkiss. Cover by Jim Balent. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50

JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #4
Gypsy goes it alone when Task Force coordinator Hannibal Martin refuses to deploy a team against a mysterious martial arts cult responsible for the disappearances of young people throughout New York City. Unknown to her, Martian Manhunter is sticking close by, but even he may be unable to help Gypsy when Lady Shiva deals herself into the action! This issue leads into a 2-part story in JLTF #5 and #6, a tie-in to "Knightquest," the post-"Knightfall" storyline. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Gabriel Morrissette and Dick Giordano. Cover by Sal Velluto and Jeff Albrecht. $1.25

GREEN ARROW ANNUAL #6

L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #58
Part 6 of "Trinity," continued from GREEN LANTERN #45. A L.E.G.I.O.N. fleet attacks the Green Lantern Corps, freeing the Darkstars and turning the tide in L.E.G.I.O.N.'s favor. Plus, Lobo makes "friends" with the Green Lantern Boodikka... and the secret origin of the Triarch is revealed. Continued in THE DARKSTARS #12. Written by Mark Waid and Barry Kitson, with art by Kitson and John Stokes. Cover by Kitson. *(New Format)* $1.75

LOBO'S BACK'S BACK TRADE PAPERBACK
You can't keep a Main Man down... even when he's dead. The four-issue LOBO'S BACK miniseries is collected in a trade paperback, following Lobo's tracking down of Loo, the baddest bastich in the galaxy. Anxious to reclaim that title for his own, Lobo goes head to head with Loo... and dies. But Lobo's determined to return to the land of the living, no matter what it takes, and the caretakers of heaven are just as anxious to be rid of him, so they reincarnate him... as Bimbo, the nastiest lady bastich around. It takes a few goes at reincarnation to get it right, and for Lobo to have his revenge on Loo and his brother, Feecees. Written by Keith Giffen and Alan Grant, with art by Simon Bisley and Christian Alamy. Painted, die-cut cover by Glenn Fabry. 112 pages. *(Suggested for mature readers. Trade paperback.)* $9.95

LOBO: UNAMERICAN GLADIATORS #4
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
As the "Maim Game" continues, a presumed dead Lobo returns to the arena to teach Johnny Caesar a lesson. The games were fixed and Johnny was behind it all. Now Lobo's out for blood in the nuclear conclusion to the baddest games of all time! Written by Alan Grant and John Wagner, with art by Cam Kennedy. Cover by Mike Mignola. *(New Format)* $1.75

METAMORPHO #2
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
It's all about birth, death, and transition as Metamorpho is born... and a major player in his life dies! The search for a cure leads Metamorpho and his son to Ireland and into the clutches of an IRA terrorist. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Graham Nolan and Ron Boyd. Cover by Nolan. $1.50

SEPTEMBER COVER DATE

LOBO'S BACK'S BACK TRADE PAPERBACK

METAMORPHO #2

☐ **SHOWCASE '93 #9**
(of a 12-issue limited series)
The Huntress begins a 2-part solo adventure as Helena tries to stop a crazed father from killing his son in a story written by Doug Moench, with art by Bill Willingham and Terry Austin. In Part 4 of "The Kobra Kronicles," mayhem erupts at a Prague trade show as Deathstroke, the Terminator and Peacemaker are joined by Katana as they follow Kobra's deadly schemes, written by Mike Baron, with art by Gary Barker and José Marzan Jr. Then, the Shining Knight faces a brutal hood and the community he's been terrorizing in an urban disaster zone, written by James Robinson, with art by Mike Mayhew and Armando Gil. Cover by Howard Chaykin. 48 pages. $1.95

☐ **STAR TREK®: THE NEXT GENERATION™ #50**
Special double-sized 50th issue, concluding an epic 4-part storyline. Time is running out as Picard strives to free the human remnant enslaved within Locutus before the Borg can attack one last time and annihilate Earth's few remaining survivors. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Peter Krause and Pablo Marcos. Cover by Jason Palmer. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50

SHOWCASE '93 #9

☐ **TEAM TITANS #12**
A tale of romance and tragedy concludes as TEAM TITANS's homage to "Phantom of the Opera" draws to a close. Battalion, hiding in the shadows, has won over his "wife" of 1993... but at a cost! Also, the Teamers deal with the aftermath of Deathwing's attack on them and the New Titans. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Phil Jimenez and Will Blyberg. Cover by Jimenez. *(New Format)* $1.75t

SHIPPING AUGUST 3

☐ **ACTION COMICS #691**
The "Reign of the Supermen" continues from ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #504. The Last Son of Krypton joins the fray at Mongul's "Engine City"... and the fate of the Boy of Steel is revealed. Continued in SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #26. Written by Roger Stern, with art by Jackson Guice and Denis Rodier. Cover by Kerry Gammill and Guice. $1.50

SEPTEMBER COVER DATE

THE BATMAN ADVENTURES #12
It's Ladies' Night in Gotham City! So when Catwoman, Harley Quinn and Poison Ivy all crash the same party... it's Batgirl who's on hand to save the day. Written by Kelley Puckett, with art and cover by Mike Parobeck and Rick Burchet. $1.25

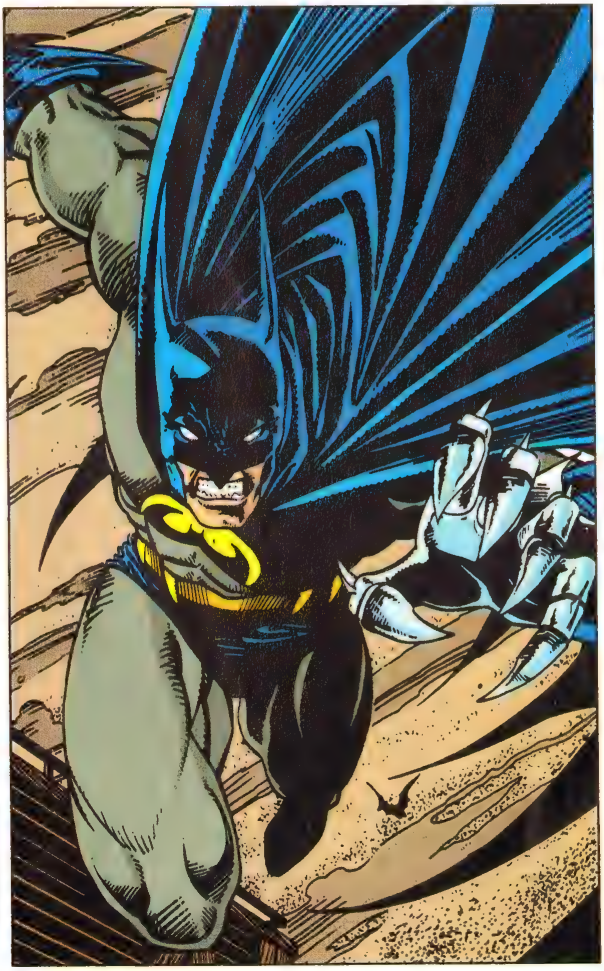
BATMAN: BIRTH OF THE DEMON SOFTCOVER GRAPHIC NOVEL
A poisoned Batman races against death to finally bring down the man known as the Demon, Ra's al Ghul. In the process, he uncovers the tortured, centuries-old secrets of his greatest foe and comes to an epic confrontation with his ages-old nemesis... which is finally settled in blood! BATMAN: BIRTH OF THE DEMON Trade Paperback features the same story and painted art by Norm Breyfogle as the earlier hardcover edition. Written by Dennis O'Neil, with painted art by Norm Breyfogle. Painted cover by Breyfogle. 112 pages. *(Softcover graphic novel)* $12.95

BATMAN: BIRTH OF THE DEMON SOFTCOVER GRAPHIC NOVEL

CATWOMAN #2
Spinning out of the current Batman storyline "Knightfall." Caught in the inferno that was her apartment, Catwoman must rescue a child and survive to find out who wants to kill her... and why! Written by Jo Duffy, with art by Jim Balent and Dick Giordano. Cover by Balent. $1.25

THE DARKSTARS #12
Part 7 of "Trinity," continued from L.E.G.I.O.N. '93 #58. Vril Dox reveals the secret of the Triarch to the Green Lanterns and Darkstars, but this knowledge may not be enough to turn the tide of the battle before another hero is slain. And the climax of this incredible adventure may be more than all three of the star-spanning super-teams can handle. Concludes in DC UNIVERSE: TRINITY #2. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Mitch Byrd and Ken Branch. Cover by Travis Charest. *(New Format)*

DETECTIVE COMICS ANNUAL #6
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover continues from GREEN ARROW ANNUAL #6. Someone's on a killing spree in Gotham City and Batman must solve the mystery. There are only two problems: the killer is one of the extraterrestrial parasites... and Batman's not quite himself! Featuring the first appearance of Geist, the Twilight Man, this Annual's contribution to the growing number of New Blood in the DC Universe. THE BLOODLINES SAGA continues in JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA ANNUAL #7. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Jim Balent and Gerardo Fernandez. Cover by Jim Balent and Dick Giordano. 64 pages. $2.50



DETECTIVE COMICS ANNUAL #6

SEPTEMBER COVER DATE

THE GOLDEN AGE #1
(of a 4-book miniseries)
A new 4-part Prestige Format "Elseworlds" story begins, featuring the first generation of DC heroes, the characters of the Golden Age. World War II is over, ended not by the action of superheroes, but by the atomic bomb. The paranoia and witchhunts of the infamous "McCarthy Era" are about to emerge, driving most of Earth's heroes into retirement, or hiding, or madness, except for the few who are willing to change with the times. And behind the scenes, something even more sinister is unfolding, a subtle plot that may engulf the planet and remake it in one man's image. THE GOLDEN AGE features many of DC's Golden Age super-heroes, including Green Lantern, Johnny Quick, Starman, and Robotman, as they've never been seen before. Written by James Robinson, with art and cover by Paul Smith with Richard Ory. *(Prestige Format)* $4.95

GREEN ARROW #78
Ollie and hitman-for-hire Eddie Fyers have captured an internationally-wanted terrorist. The problem is, the CIA wants him too, and they don't care who they have to kill to get him. Written by Mike Grell, with art by Rick Hoberg and John Nyberg. Cover by Grell. *(New Format)* $1.75

GUY GARDNER #12
Part 2 of the 4-part "Guy Gardner: Year One—Yesterday's Sins": Guy Gardner takes on Batman, Flash, Hal Jordan, and more before planting a big one on Ice. A dream? A vision? A nightmare? One thing's for sure, the aliens who have captured Guy are getting more than they bargained for as they delve deeper into his mind and find out just what makes him tick, including the dark secret about his brother, Mace, that he never dared tell his father. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art and cover by Joe Staton and Terry Beatty. $1.25

THE HALCYON DAYS OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY AND THE ALL STAR SQUADRON.
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LULLABY ON BROADWAY!
AMERICAN PLANES SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION BY MAN OF THE HOUR!

THE GOLDEN AGE #1

GUY GARDNER #12

KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END #4
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
This Elseworlds tale continues as Kamandi and Sleeper Zom cross America to come face to face with the "legend" who may have triggered the Second Apocalypse... a centuries-old Superman, literally the Man of Tomorrow! Written by Tom Veitch, with art by Frank Gomez and Mike Barreiro. Cover by Gomez. *(New Format)* $1.75

KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END #4

SEPTEMBER COVER DATE

SCARLETT #9
Caught between warring vampire factions, Scarlett must battle her way out of a city of the undead. Written by Tom Joyner and K.S. Wilson, with art by Gray Morrow. Cover by James Fern. *(New Format)* $1.75

SCARLETT #9

STATIC #4
Holocaust, a former member of the Blood Syndicate, recruits Static for his new "business," as Virgil learns more about Frieda's social life than he's able to handle. Written by Dwayne McDuffie and Robert L. Washington III, with art by John Paul Leon and Steve Mitchell. $1.50

SHIPPING AUGUST 10

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #17
Part 2 of the 3-part "The God of Fear": While the Scarecrow declares himself the God of Fear and terrorizes Gotham City, Anarky sets a death trap for Batman. Written by Alan Grant, wth art by Brett Blevins. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.75

DC UNIVERSE: TRINITY #2
(of a 2-issue miniseries)
Part 8 of "Trinity," continued from THE DARKSTARS #12. This epic crossover saga concludes with the final battle with the Triarch as the mad Controller leads them in an all-out attack on the GL Corps, the Darkstars, and L.E.G.I.O.N. Under the leadership of Hal Jordan and Ferrin Colos, the heroes of the three star-spanning services finally manage to come together and manage to defeat one of the gods, but that only makes things worse. It's going to take a whole lot of muscle to pull everyone's fat out of the fire... and the conclusion will decide which of the teams will have jurisdiction over which parts of the universe. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, Mark Waid, and Gerard Jones, with art by Barry Kitson and John Stokes. Cover by Travis Charest and Scott Hanna. 48 pages. $2.95

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA ANNUAL #7
The BLOODLINES Summer Annual crossover continues from DETECTIVE COMICS ANNUAL #6. When Jack Mosley awakens from a nightmarish attack by one of the extraterrestrial parasites, he finds himself bizarrely changed... into Terrorsmith, this Annual's infusion of New Blood into the DC Universe. Convinced in his twisted mind that the Justice League is to blame, he attacks them, seeking revenge. THE BLOODLINES SAGA continues in ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN ANNUAL #5. Written by William Messner-Loebs and pencilled by Greg LaRocque. Cover by Sal Velluto. 64 pages. $2.50

LOBO CONVENTION SPECIAL #1

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #55
Trapped in a strange distant future, the League is compelled to fight an army of savages — to protect the robotic master race! With the ultimate weapon of time control at stake, it might just be a battle to the death! Written by Gerard Jones and Will Jacobs, with interior art and cover by Ron Randall and Randy Elliott. $1.25

LOBO CONVENTION SPECIAL #1
The Main Man is steamed because his mint copy of SUPERMAN #75 got trashed and now he's got to get another one. And what better place to pick up some collectibles than the upcoming comic-book convention? Yes! This is the day Lobo stalked the fans and pros, and showed them his sense of humor! This is the event you've all been dreading! Written by Keith Giffen and Alan Grant, with art and cover by Kevin O'Neill. *(New Format)* $1.75

SUPERMAN STATUE
Sculpted by Randy Bowen, based on preliminary sketches by Dan Jurgens. DC continues its series of fine-quality collectible statues with this striking figure of the Man of Steel. Each statue is made of cold-cast porcelain and is individually painted. $150.00

SUPERMAN STATUE

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☐ **ENIGMA #7**
(of an 8-issue miniseries)
Michael Smith, perpetually confused, and the Engima, perpetually confusing, finally enjoy a moment of quiet respite, blissfully unaware that a maniacal creature from the past is hurtling their way. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Duncan Fegredo and full-process color by Sherilyn van Valkenburgh. Painted cover by Fegredo. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

☐ **THE EXTREMIST #1**
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
This uncompromising erotic thriller is the story of a secret society of dark sensualists and sexual adventurers called The Order. Their enforcer, the person who rescues the Order from its own excesses, is The Extremist, a disturbing figure of unexpected motives and surprising contradictions whose history unfolds in a series of modern-day Grand Guignols of carnality and horror. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Ted McKeever. Painted cover by McKeever. *(Suggested for mature readers. THE EXTREMIST explores sexual themes and contaims strong subject matter. New Format.)* $1.95

ENIGMA #7

THE EXTREMIST #1

☐ **THE LAST ONE #3**
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
Everything bottoms out as Myrwann's mood shifts from depression to despair. Pat slips from a drug-induced stupor into a coma that results in a deeper exploration of the Last One's past. Written by J.M. DeMatteis, with art by Dan Sweetman. Cover designed by Sweetman. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

☐ **SANDMAN: A GAME OF YOU TRADE PAPERBACK**
This collection, previously released as a hardcover edition, contains the 6-issue story arc from SANDMAN #32-37 written by Neil Gaiman, and featuring the strange and whimsical art of Shawn McManus, with contributions from Colleen Doran, George Pratt, Dick Giordano, Bryan Talbot, and Stan Woch. The story features the character Barbie, from "The Doll's House," and explores issues of gender and identity. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. 192 pages.)* $19.95

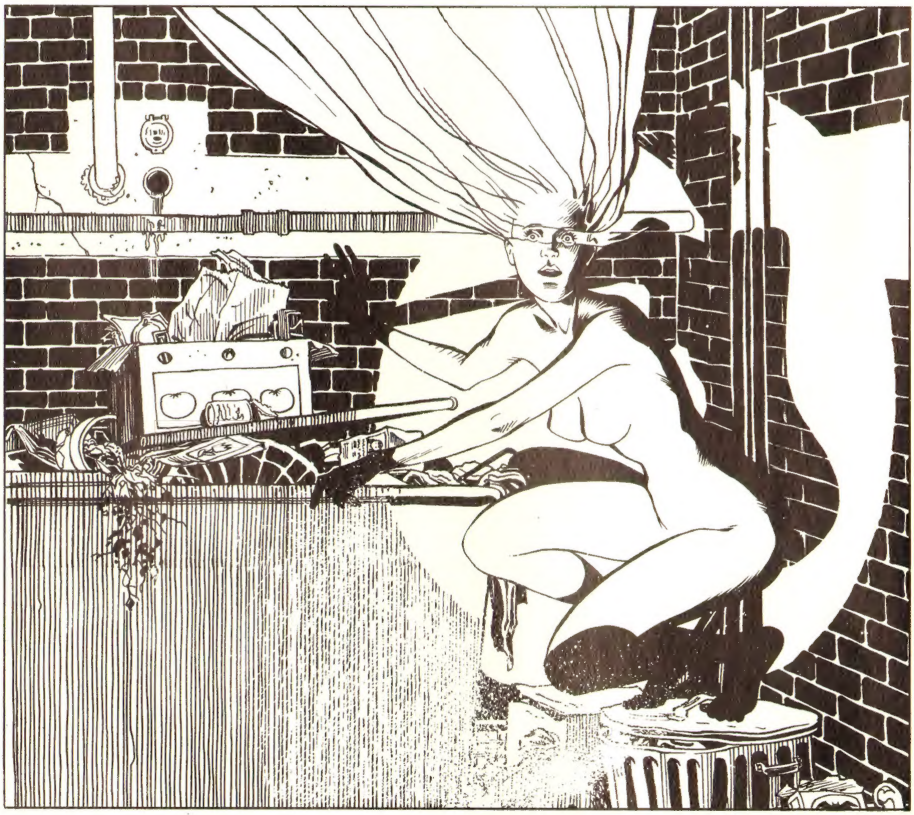
BLACK ORCHID RETURNS TO INSPIRE... AND CORRUPT

She can make you do whatever she wants and you'll believe it was your idea. She could be a mystical being, or a scientific oddity. Whatever she is, beware her presence. As the flower's bouquet can captivate a fly, so can Black Orchid control your mind — and your soul.

Reporter Walt Maddocks has made it his business to find people who don't want to be found. His current subject of scrutiny is Flora Black, a woman who briefly achieved fame when she saved a high-profile political candidate from an assassin's bullet. No one has seen her since, but Maddocks is convinced that she has connections to a professional escort named Blackie, and just possibly the mysterious Black Orchid.

In the first issue of the BLACK ORCHID monthly series, writer Dick Foreman, SANDMAN penciller Jill Thompson, and inker Stan Woch of the DOOM PATROL begin a tale that will define the character and abilities of the plant/human hybrid reintroduced in the miniseries by Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean. A trade paperback collection of that critically-acclaimed miniseries is being reissued this month to acquaint new readers with this atypical adventuress.

A wise prankster? A naive demigoddess? A corrupting influence or a sweet inspiration? Whatever she is, whatever you might think she is, Black Orchid can change your mind—sometimes forever.



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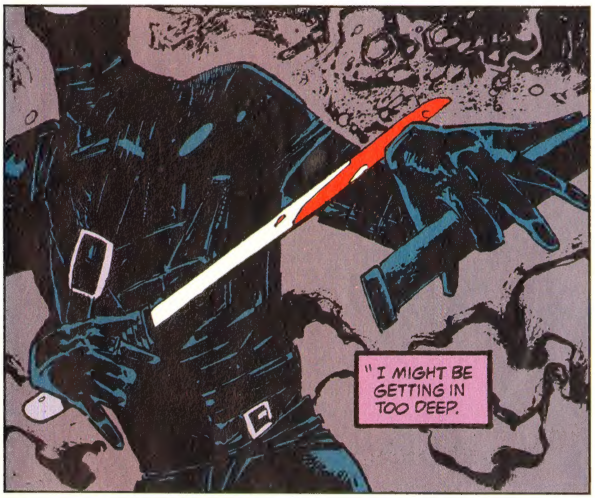
DEPRAVITY'S RAINBOW

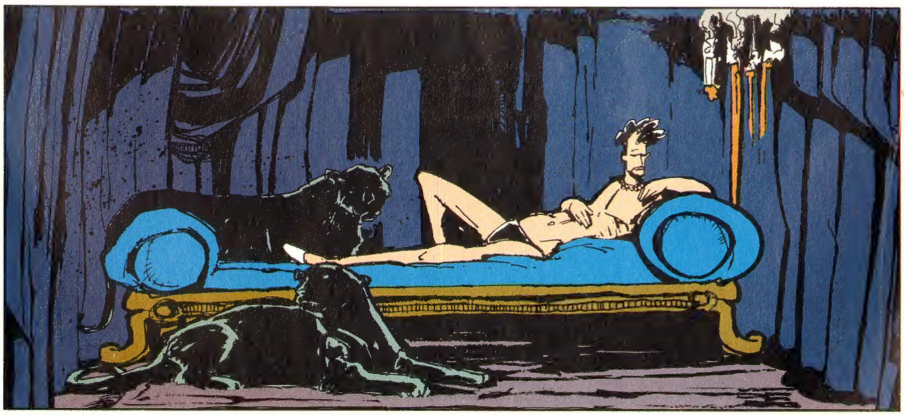
The day THE EXTREMIST'S life fell apart was the day she started living. One night two years ago, as Judy Tanner and her husband, Jack, were leaving a Pacific Heights sushi bar, a man stepped out of the shadows, plunged a knife into Jack's abdomen and carved a deep X. A week after the funeral, Judy knew only one thing for certain: she had never truly known the man she had married.

In a squalid studio apartment Jack had rented without her knowledge, Judy found hundreds of books and photographs describing a world she never dared dream existed — a world of sexual obsessions, of pleasure and pain, of leather and lacerations — depraved passions sanctioned by a secret organization called The Order. She found cassette tapes labeled *The Diary of the Extremist,* about a man who tracked down sex criminals and, often as not, killed them. The voice on the tapes was Jack's.

Judy also found a costume. Once it may have belonged to the man she had called her husband, but within a year the costume belonged to Judy. And Judy belonged to the world of THE EXTREMIST.

The VERTIGO line continues to explore bold new territory as Peter Milligan, scripter of SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN and writer-creator of ENIGMA and artist Ted McKeever *(Eddy Current, Metropol)* admit you to a hidden world, a world that exists at the edge of secret desires and dark obsessions.





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SHIPPING JULY 13

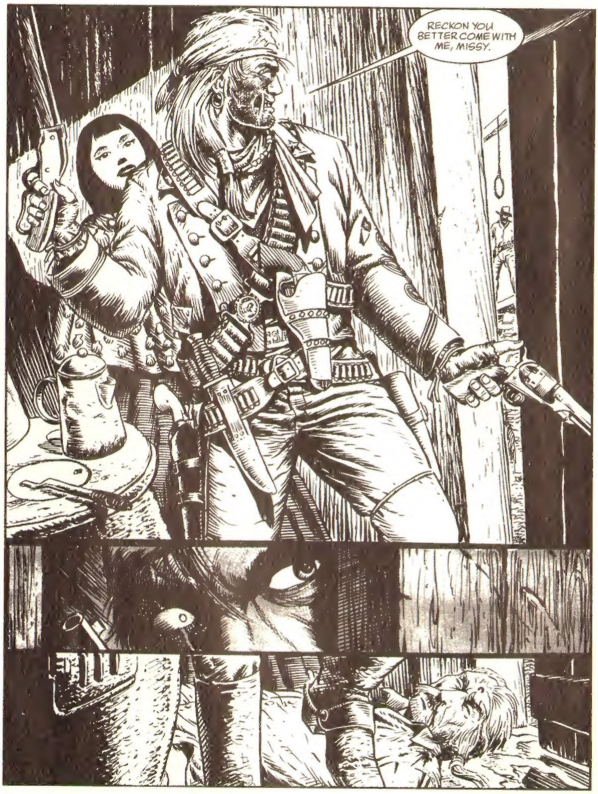
☐ **BLACK ORCHID #1**
Who is Flora Black and what is her connection to the mysterious Black Orchid? Investigative reporter Walt Maddocks wants to know, even if digging up dirt about Flora's past leads him to an early grave. A new monthly title continuing the tale begun in the Neil Gaiman/Dave McKean miniseries. Written by Dick Foreman, with art by Jill Thompson and Stan Woch. Painted cover with a metallic fifth color by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

BLACK ORCHID #1

☐ **BLACK ORCHID TRADE PAPERBACK**
A special reissue of the trade paperback collection of the three-issue miniseries, this reintroduction and redefinition of the enigmatic hero is described in the introduction by Mikal Gilmore as "one of those books that has helped break modern comics history in two, and signalled the rise of a new courage and a new spirit of aspiration within the medium." Written by SANDMAN creator Neil Gaiman, with beautifully painted art by Dave McKean (ARKHAM ASYLUM, *Cages*). *(Trade paperback.)* $19.95

☐ **JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO #2**
(of a 5-issue miniseries)
Except for the zombie infestation, folks in Mud Creek, Texas, were getting pretty bored, so it's a good thing Jonah Hex wandered into town. Nothing like a good hanging to perk things up. Written by Joe R. Landsdale, with art by Timothy Truman & Sam Glanzman and full-process color by Sam Parsons. Painted cover by Truman. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.95

☐ **SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #39**
Get out your Strunk & White — Lenny and Kathy deliver a crash course in creative writing, while a shrivelled-up and strung-out Shade ponders life... and other things. Belles-lettres by Peter Milligan, with bêtes noires by Chris Bachalo, Scot Eaton and Rick Bryant. Painted cover by Bachalo. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95



JONAH HEX: TWO-GUN MOJO #2

☐ **SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #6**
In part 2 of the 4-part storyline, "The Face," Wesley Dodds assumes his alternative countenance and begins his pursuit of the enigmatic assassin, while Dian Belmont ponders the resumption of an old relationship. Written by Matt Wagner, with art by John Watkiss. Photo cover by Gavin Wilson. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHIPPING JULY 20

☐ **BLACK ORCHID POSTER**
The Orchid would greatly appreciate it if you would acquire a copy of this lovely painting by series artist Jill Thompson. You do want to go out and get one, don't you? Yes? Good. $4.95

SEPTEMBER COVER DATE

HELLBLAZER #69
Playtime for the Undead — the Lord of the Vampires and his minions amuse themselves with a rousing game of Tag and the friendless, homeless Constantine is It. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by Steve Dillon. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

HELLBLAZER POSTER
John Constantine stands with a bloody scalpel in his hand, his conjuration complete and the forces of Hell held at bay for another day. Reproducing the drop-dead striking cover of HELLBLAZER #61 by Glenn Fabry. $4.95

KID ETERNITY #5
The Kid's road trip with Bohemian wayfarer Neal Cassady hits the skids when they're sucked into the heart of the Horror Vortex. Written by Ann Nocenti, with art by Sean Phillips. Painted cover by Phillips. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

THE SANDMAN #53
The cycle of self-contained stories told by lost travellers at the edge of nowhere continues with a tale of Morpheus's human friend, Hob Gadling, the man who would not die. Written by Neil Gaiman, with a framing sequence by Bryan Talbot & Mark Buckingham and main story art by Michael Zulli and Dick Giordano. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

HELLBLAZER POSTER

SHIPPING JULY 27

ANIMAL MAN #63
Buddy fights his impulse to destroy the very humanity he knows he must save from the clutches of Leviathan as the war between Animal and Man continues. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by Steve Pugh. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SKIN GRAFT: THE ADVENTURES OF A TATTOOED MAN #3
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Oakes and Yuko flee to Japan to find a master who knows irezumi lore, closely pursued by a mysterious figure from Oakes's past. Written by Jerry Prosser, with art and fully painted color by Warren Pleece. Photo cover by Gavin Wilson. *(Suggested for mature readers. Deluxe Format.)* $2.50

SWAMP THING #135
New romances bloom for both Swamp Thing and Abby while Arcane's plans to breed a new batch of Un-Men comes to fruition. Written by Nancy A. Collins, with art by Scot Eaton and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by Charles Vess. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHIPPING AUGUST 3

DOOM PATROL #70
Meet a villain endowed with strange powers and hung up on demolishing anyone who dares blow his cover. His challenger is Coagula, a woman granted bizarre chemical powers from an encounter with an ex-Doom Patroler. Written by Rachel Pollack, with art by Scot Eaton and Tom Sutton. Photo cover by Tom Taggart. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95